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1. HOE Thong is a wealthy Singapore rubber merchant who formerly resided in Pontianak, Borneo. He still has considerable influence in this area and is responsible for the infiltration of Chinese Communist agents into this territory. Assisting him in this project are CHIP Aik, manager of HOE's rubber factory in Sambas, and CHIP Bee in Pontianak.²
2. CHIP Aik is directly responsible for the infiltration of these Communist agents from Hong Kong and Macao. He supplies them with currency and other needs. These agents have no difficulty in landing along the western coast of Borneo, particularly in the area around Sambas. Sambas, Singkawang, and Permantak are the main points of entry.
3. Chinese Communist influence is now making itself felt in Indonesian Borneo in the schools. There are two school buildings in Pontianak and one in Singkawang under construction. CHIP Aik and CHIP Bee are the chief financial backers of this undertaking.
4. HOE Thong recently put up a rubber factory in Pontianak which took three months to set up. During this time, he has made greater strides in the rubber industry than anyone has made in the last few years. He is pushing the production of rubber and is paying the highest wages in the area. Rubber from this factory is exported to HOE in Singapore for re-export. The ultimate destination of this rubber is not known. HOE's firm in Singapore pays a low price for this rubber and the profit that is realized from the re-sale is forwarded through unknown channels to China.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The September 1951 Singapore Telephone Directory lists one HOE Thong at 38 Telok Ayer St. Another source states that the Hoa Thong Company on Telok Ayer Street is a partnership involving TAN Cheng Keat and TAN Tieng Swei; that it is an unlimited company; is a member of the Singapore Rubber Association; imports rubber from Indonesia; and supposedly has a "good reputation."

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Source is not certain whether CHIP Aik and CHIP Bee are the names of persons or companies.

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[REDACTED] Comment. For other information on Chinese Communist activity in this area see [REDACTED] date of information Janus.

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